CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS		DEFENDAN	NTS	
(b) County of R esidence of First Listed Plain tiff (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)		County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S.PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CON DEMN ATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED.		
(c) Attorney's (Firm Name	e, Address, and Telephone Number)	Attorneys (If Kn	own)	
II. BASIS OF JURISE	□ 3 Federal Question		TF DEF 1 □ 1 Incorporated or 1	and One Box for Defendant) PTF DEF Principal Place 4 4
Plain tiff 2 U.S. Government Defendant	(U.S. Government Not a Party) 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)		of Business In 2	Principal Place ☐ 5 ☐ 5
IV. NATURE OF SUI	T (Place an "X" in One Box Only)	Poleigh Country		
CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
□ 110 Insurance □ 120 Marine □ 130 M iller Act □ 140 Negotiable Instrument □ 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment □ 151 M edicare Act □ 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) □ 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits □ 160 Stockholders' Suits □ 190 Other C ontract □ 195 Contract Product Liability REAL PROPERTY □ 210 Land Condemnation □ 220 Foreclosure □ 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment □ 240 Torts to Land □ 245 Tort Product Liability □ 290 All Other Real Property	PERSONAL NJURY 310 Airplane 362 Person al Injury— 315 Airplane Product Liability 365 Person al Injury— 320 Assault, Libel & Slander 368 Asbes tos Persona Injury Product Liability 368 Asbes tos Persona Injury Product Liability 370 Other Fraud 370 Other Fraud 371 Truth in Lending 375 Motor V ehicle 370 Other Personal 375 Motor V ehicle 380 Other Personal 375 Property Dam age 385		□ 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 □ 423 With drawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS □ 820 Copyrights □ 830 Patent □ 840 T rademark SOCIAL SECURITY □ 861 HIA (139 5ff) □ 862 Black Lung (923) □ 863 DIWC/DIW W (405(g)) □ 864 SSID Title XVI □ 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS □ 870 T axes (U.S. Plain tiff or Defendant) □ 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	□ 400 State Reapportionment □ 410 Antitrust □ 430 Banks and Banking □ 450 Com merce/IC C Rates/e tc. □ 460 Deportation □ 470 Racketeer Influenced and □ Corrupt Organizations □ 810 Sele ctive Service □ 850 Securities/Commodities/ □ Exchange □ 12 USC 3410 □ 891 Agricultural Acts □ 892 Econo mic Stabilization Act □ 893 Environmental M atters □ 894 Energy Allocation Act □ 895 Freedom of □ Information Act □ 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice □ 950 Constitution ality of State Statutes □ 890 Other Statutory Actions
V. ORIGIN □ 1 Original □ 2 Ro	CE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY) emoved from		Ferred from for district fy)	Appeal to District Judge from ct
VII. CAUSE OF ACTION OF AC	CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 E(S) (See instructions):)	JURY DEMAND:	f dem anded in com plaint:
IF ANY	JUDGE		DOCKET NUMBER	
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	SIGNATURE OF AT	TORNEY OF RECORD		

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS-44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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- I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middleinitial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b.) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- **II. Jurisdiction**. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States, are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS-44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section IV below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a) Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multi district Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause.
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS-44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.